



**ARTICLES**  
**TO BE ENQVIRED**  
**OF VVITHIN THE**  
 Dioces of LONDON,

**IN THE FIRST GENERAL**  
 Visitation of the Right Reuerend  
 Father in GOD, WILLIAM  
 Lord Bishop of LONDON.

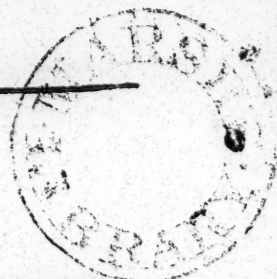
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In the yeere of our Lord God, 1628.

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## The Oath to bee ministred to the Churchwardens and Sworne-men.



You shall sweare that you and euery of you shall diligently enquire of the Articles giuen you in charge; and without any affection, fauour, hatred, hope of reward and gaine, or feare of displeasure, or malice of any person, you shall present all and euery such person and persons that now is, or of late was within your parish, as hath committed any incest, adultery, fornication, or symony, and any misdemeanour or disturbances committed or made in any Church or Chappell, in time of common Prayer, Preaching, or diuine seruice there vsed, to the disturbance thereof: and also that haue committed or done any other offence, fault, or default, presentable in the Ecclesiasticall court, according to the Articles now deliuered to you. Wherein you shall deale vprightly and according to truth, neither of malice presenting any contrary to truth, nor of corrupt affection sparing to present any, and so conceale the truth: hauing in this action God before your eyes, with an earnest zeale to maintaine the truth, and suppress vice. So helpe you God, and the Contents of this Booke.

## The charge of the Churchwardens and Sworne-men set downe for the better performance of their duties, and discharge of their Oathes



They are not to bring in any Bills vnto the Arch-deacons Courts vpon the Articles to be enquired of in their Visitation, by reason of my Lords Visitation, but onely now during the said Visitation, to make their presentments vpon these Articles. They are therefore charged, that after their Oath taken, and their returne home, they doe require their Minister to read ouer both the booke of Canons or Constitutions set forth by his Maiesty, in the Conuocation holden in the ycere of our Lord God 1604. and also these Articles vnto them, and to consider of euery particular Article, and of the offences by them to be presented, as also of such persons in their parish as shall be noted to offend in the same: and so the Churchwardens and Sidenen assembling themselues together within some conuenient time, are to make their bill answering euery Article by it selfe, before the time hereafter appointed them, which bill shall be signed with the hands of all the Churchwardens and Sidenen, with conference had with their Minister vpon the said bill of presentment, who according to the 26. Canon, is to see that the said Churchwardens do their duties in presenting, vpon the penalty in the 26. Canon prescribed. These Bills for their better ease, and sauing of trauell and charges, shall be brought by one of the Churchwardens vpon the day next

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Concerning the Clergie.



**I**nprimis, Whether doth your Minister, before  
or after his sermons vse to pray for the Kings  
Majesty, King Charles, Quene Mary, Frede-  
ricke the Prince Elector Palatine, and the La-  
dy Elizabeth his wife, and all their Princely  
Progenie, giving vnto the King such stile  
and title of supreme Governour in all causes,  
and ouer all persons, aswell Ecclesiasticall as  
Temporall, as by Law are due vnto him?

And also for all Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ecclesiasticall per-  
sons?

2 Whether is the prescript forme of Divine Service vsed by your  
Minister vpon Sundayes, Holydaies, and other daies appointed by the  
Booke of Common Prayer, at fit and vsuall houres? And whether doth  
your Minister duely obserue all the Orders, Rites, and Ceremonies  
prescribed in the said Booke of Common Prayer, without omission or  
addition, as well in reading publike prayers and the Communion, as also in  
administring the Sacraments in such maner and forme, as by the Law  
now established is inioyned?

3 Whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion  
so often, and at such times, as that every Parishioner may receiue the  
same at least thrice in every yeere, whereof once at Easter?

4 Whether doth your minister receiue the same himselfe on every  
day that he administred it to others, kneeling at the same, and admini-  
stred it to none but such as do kneele at the receiuing thereof, and vse the  
wordes of the institution according to the Booke at every time that the  
Bread or Wine is receiued, in such manner and forme as by Law is  
appointed, and causeth sufficient waiting thereof to be giuen before?  
And doth he deliuer the Bread and Wine to every Communicant seue-  
rally?

5 Whether doth your Minister vse the administration of the Lords  
Supper, Baptisme, Instruction of childzen, Solemnization of Matri-

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mony, Visitation of the sicke, Buriall of the dead, the Commination and Churching of women, vnder such words, rites and ceremonies as are set forth & prescribed by the said booke of Common prayer and no other?

6 Whether hath your Minister reiected any from the Communion, who were not by publike presentment, or other open scandall, infamous and detested of some notorious crime by common fame, or vehement suspicion knowne in the Parish?

7 Whether hath your Minister receiued people of other Parishes to his Church to the Communion and diuine service; And whether his Parishioners haue gone to other Churches and places to heare Service or receiue the Sacrament? If yea, then you shall present euery offender herein.

8 Whether hath your Minister, Churchwardens and Sidemen presented vnto my Lord Bishop or his Chancelor within forty dayes after Easter, the names of all the Parishioners, aswell men as women, which being aboue fifteene yeeres of age receiued not the Communion, at, or about Easter befoze, according to the 112. Canon? If not, you shall present whether that presentment should haue bene brought in by your selues, or your predecessors, and specifie the names of euery one that should haue made such presentment for Easter last past?

9 Whether doth your Minister vse to signe the Childzen with the signe of the Crosse vpon the Childzens foreheades when they are baptized, according to the booke of Common prayer? And whether he hath deferred or wilfully refused to baptize any Infant in his Parish being brought, hauing bene duly informed of the weaknesse thereof? And whether the child hath dyed by his default without baptism? And hath he baptized any childzen that were not borne in the Parish?

10 Whether is your Minister continually resident with you vpon his Benefice, or for how long time hath he bene absent? And where is he resident for the most part, and what other Benefice hath he? And doth he in his absence make allowance for the poore?

11 Whether doth your Minister being a Preacher, preach vsually in his owne Cure with you once euery Sunday, or how hath hee bene negligent in that behalfe?

12 Whether is your Minister a Preacher allowed? If yea, then by whom? if no, whether doth he procure Sermons to bee preached among you once in euery moneth at the least, by such as are lawfully licenced, or doth contribute towards a licenced Preacher?

13 Whether hath your Minister any other Benefice? and whether

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doth hee supply his absence by a Curate that is sufficiently licenced to preach in that Cure whereon he himselfe is not resident? or otherwise in case he doth not finde a preaching minister there, by reason of the smalnes thereof, whether doth he preach at both his benefices vsually himselfe?

14 Whether is your Curate licenced to serue by the Bishop of this Dioces, or his Chancelor? and whether doth your Minister or Curate serue any more Cures then one? If yea, then what other Cure doth he also serue?

15 If your Minister be not licenced to preach as aforesaid, whether doth he read Homilies, or rather take vpon him to expound the Scriptures, either in his owne Cure or elsewhere, contrary to the 49. Canon? And doth he or his Curate read an Homily euery Sunday, or some part thereof, when there is no Sermon?

16 Whether hath any person beene admitted to preach within your Church or Chappell but such as you haue well knowne to be licenced whom haue you so admitted? You shall present their names, and how often haue any such bene admitted to preach, and by whose procurement?

17 Whether haue you caused euery strange Preacher licenced or not licenced, to subscribe his name, according to the 50. and 52. Canons? And if he were licenced, then by whom was he licenced?

18 Whether doth your Lecturer and Preacher read diuine Service, and minister the Sacraments in his owne person twice euery yeere, obseruing all the Ceremonies in the Booke of Common Prayer established? And doth any man read a Lecture in your Church that is beneficed out of the Dioces, or if he be beneficed in the Dioces, is he by that Lecture kept from his Cure; or hath he no benefice at all?

19 Whether doth your Minister weare the Surples whilst he is saying the publike prayers and administering the Sacraments, and a hood according to his degree of the Vniuersitie?

20 Whether doth your Minister euery Sunday and Holy-day before Euening prayer for halfe an houre or more, examine and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of your parish, in the ten Commandments, the Articles of Beliefe, and in the Lords Prayer?

21 Whether hath your Minister without licence from the Bishop of the Dioces, or his Chancelor, solemnized Marriage betwixt any parties, of the Banes not being three seuerall Sundayes or Holy dayes first published in time of diuine Service, in the seuerall Churches or Chappels of their seueral aboades, according to the booke of Common prayer: or without licence, in time prohibited, albeit the Banes were so publi-

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shed? Or at any time except betwixt the houres of eight and twelue in the forenoone? And if any haue bene otherwise married or licenced to be married by any authority other then aforesaid, especially since the last trienniall Visitation by any of our Commissaries, Archdeacons, or their Officials, you shall present the Minister so marrying, the parties so married, and the Authority whereby this was done.

22 Whether doth your Minister vpon sundays at Morning prayer declare vnto the Parishioners what Holy dayes and fasting dayes are appointed to be kept the weeke following?

23 Whether doth your Minister in the Rogation dayes, vse the perambulation of the circuit of the Parish appointed by law? And in the same perambulation moue the people to giue thanks to God for his benefits, vsing such Psalmes, Prayers and Homilies as are to that end set forth?

24 Whether doth any man (being neither Minister nor Deacon) read Common Prayer openly in your Church or Chappell, or vse any other Ministeriall duty in the Church that belongeth to a Minister or Deacon, and what is his name that so doth or hath so done?

25 Whether doth your Minister every fire moneths denounce in his parish all such of his parish as doe perseuere in the sentence of Excommunication? And whether hath he admitted any person Excommunicate, into the Church, without a Certificate of his absolution from the Ordinary? And hath he stayed or foreborne to denounce any Excommunication or suspension that hath bene sent vnto him?

26 Whether doth your Minister, being a Preacher, endeavour and labour diligently with mildnesse and temperance to conferre with, and thereby to reclaine the Popish Recusants in his Parish from their errors? And whether they or any of them doe refuse such conference with your Minister?

27 Whether is your Parson, Vicar, Lecturer, or Curate, too much frequent, or ouermuch conuersant with, or a fauourer of Recusants, whereby he may be suspected not to be sincere in his Religion?

28 Whether hath your Minister, or any other taking vpon him the place of a Minister, Preached, Baptized childezen (vnlesse in case of necessity) solemnized Marriage, Churched any women, or ministered the holy Communion in any house or houses? If yea, then where? When? and how often hath he so offended in any of the premises?

29 Whether, when any person hath bene dangerously sicke in your Parish, your Minister (having knowledge thereof) hath not resorted to euery of them, to instruct and comfort them in their distresse, according

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to the manner and forme appointed in the Booke of Common Prayer?  
And whether when any Parishioner hath bene passing out of this life,  
your Minister hath slackted to do his last duty in that behalfe?

80 Whether your Minister hath at any time refused or delayed to  
bury any corps that hath bene brought to the Church or Church-yard  
conuenient warning hauing bene given to him thereof befoze, in such  
manner and forme as is prescribed in the booke of Common Prayer?  
And hath he buried any in Chyrstian buriall, which ought not to bee so  
interred?

31 Whether hath your Minister taken vpon him to appoint any pub-  
lique or priuate Fasts, Preaching or Lecturing, not approued and esta-  
blished by law or publike authoritie? Or hath hee attempted vpon any  
pretence, either of possession or obsession, by fasting and prayer to cast  
out Diuels.

32 Whether your Minister vseth buying and selling, or trading, or  
to hedge, ditch, or goe to plough, or hath solicited other mens suites for  
gaine, or implozed himselfe about other such businesse not becoming or  
fitting his calling?

33 Whether doe you know in your Parish any, that hauing hereto-  
foze taken vpon him or them the orber of Priesthood, or of a D<sup>n</sup> and  
hath since relinquished the same, and betaken himselfe in the world  
his life as a Lay-man, or neglecting his vocation liueth idely, and  
ueth no Cure, nor preacheth as a Lectur<sup>r</sup>, authorized in any one of his  
place? If yea, then you shall present his name and the place of his sojourn.

34 Whether is your Minister reputed to be an incontinent person,  
or to keepe in his house, or frequent the company of any man or woman  
that are suspected either to be of euill religion or bad life? Or whether  
is he a common haunter of Taverns, Alehouses, or any suspected place?  
Or whether doth he board or lodge in any of them? Or is a common  
Gamerster, or player at Dice, Cards, Tables, or other vnlawfull games?  
A common swearer, a drunkard, or one that applyeth not himselfe in  
his Studie, or faulty in any other crime punishable by Ecclesiasticall  
censures, whereby he is offensive and scandalous to his Function or  
Ministry?

35 Whether doth your Minister vse the forme of thankesgiuing to  
women after their Childbirth? Or hath he admitted any woman be-  
gotten with child in Adultery, to bee churched, either publikely or pri-  
uately, without licence from the Lord Bishop of London, or his Chan-  
cello?

36 Whether doth your Minister baptize any children in any Ba-  
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son or other vessel then in the Ordinarie Font, being placed in the Church, or doth put any Basen into it?

37 Whether your Minister or any other that hath taken holy Orders now licenced or suspended, or other person or persons, either of the Ministry or Laity, within or nere your Parish of your knowledge or as you have heard, hath bene at, or vse to meete in any Barnes, Fields, Woods, priuate house or houses, and held priuate conuenticles or meetings, either in your Parish or in any other Parish? And whether hath your Minister or any other publikely or priuately preached or spoken in derogation of the booke of Common Prayer, or in any thing depraued the same; or against the present estate of the Ecclesiasticall gouernment established by authozity, affirming the same to be vnlawfull, Popish or Antichristian?

38 Whether at any such meeting doe they or any of them preach, conferre, or agree vpon any priuate orders for Diuine service, Prayers, Preaching, or expounding the Scriptures, or vse any other Prayers, Preaching, or forme of Diuine Service, then such as is in the Booke of Common Prayer, and by the Lawes established appointed, or by brauwers or perswaders of others to any such Schismaticall conference? If yea, you shall present them all and euery one of them, specifying their names, surnames, and quality or addition, and places of

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4 Whether hath any Commissary, Archdeacon, Officiall, or any other exercising Ecclesiasticall Jurisdiction within this Dioces, or any Register, Apparator, or Minister belonging to the same Ecclesiasticall Courts, exacted extraordinary or greater fees than heretofore of late hath bene accustomed? And whether is there a Table of the rates of all fees set vp in their severall Courts and Offices? Or whether they or any of them haue any way abused themselves in their Offices, contrary to the Law and Canons in that case provided?

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6 What number of Apparators hath euery severall Judge Ecclesiasticall: and wherein, and in what manner is the Countrey overburdened and grieved by the said Apparators? And whether doth any of the said Apparators cause any parties to appeare in the said Courts without first a presentment or citation obtained from the Judge of the Court?

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2. Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters doe themselves receiue the holy Communion as often as they ought to doe? and whether doe all their Schollers, which be of age sufficient, and of capacity by instruction to receiue the Lords Supper, come to the Communion either in your Church, or where their Parents dwell, once every yeere, and be diligent to heare common Prayer?

3. Whether the Schoolemaster, or Schoolemasters, either private or publike, doe teach their Schollers the Catechisme authorised by publicke authority, at the least once every weeke, and doe instruct and examine them in the same, or doe teach any other Catechisme: and what Catechisme is it that they doe so teach?

4. Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters, or any of them be knowne or suspected to reade vnto their Schollers privately any unlawfull Bookes; or privately to instruct them in their young yeeres, either in Poperie, Superstition, or disobedience, or contempt of his Maiestie, and his lawes Ecclesiasticall, by publicke authority allowed?

5. Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters, or any of them, under pretence of Catechizing their Schollers, which is a most godly and carefully by them to be obserued, doe keepe Lectures, readings or explications of Divinity in their houses, hauing repaire vnto them of people, not being of their owne family and household?

6. What Rement Pupils are there in your Parish, and whether doe any of them, or any other keepe any Schoolemaster in their house which commeth not to Church to hear Divine Service, and receiue the Communion, what is his name, and how long he hath taught?

7. Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters, within your Parish, doe teach his or their Schollers any other Grammar then that which is commonly called the Kings Grammar, set forth by the Authority of King Henrie the Eighth, teaching the prescript forme thereof?

8. Whether are your Schoolemasters negligent in instructing their Schollers in the Catechisme and principles of Religion, and in bringing them to the Church to heare the Word of God and Sermons?

## Concerning Parish Clerks.

**W**hether haue you a fit Parish Clerke, aged twenty yeeres at least, of honest conuersation, and sufficient for reading and writing? and whether he be paid his wages without fraud, according to the most ancient custome of your Parish? If not, then by whom is he so defrauded and denied? and whether he be chosen by the Parson or Vicar, or by whom? And whether he hath presumed to take vpon him the execution of the said place or Clerkship, before he hath taken the oath of supremacy before the Lord Bishop of London or his Chancelor, and hath his approbation from the said Lord Bishop or his Chancelor?

2 Is he diligent in his office, and seruiceable to the Minister, doth he take vpon him to meddle with any thing aboue his office, as Churching of women, burying the dead, or such like?

3 Is the Church cleane kept, the doores lockt at fit times? Is any thing lost or spoiled in the Church, and are the Communion Table, Font, Bookes, and ornaments of the Church kept faire and cleane?

## Touching Churchwardens and Sidemen, and other Church Officers.

**W**hether the Churchwardens and Sidemen doe euery Sunday and Holy-day diligently search who absenteth himselfe or her selfe from Church, and whether doe they suffer any to abide in the Churchporch or Church-yard in the time of Common Prayer or Sermon? And you shall present such as haue bene or shall be found to be absent?

2 Whether the Churchwardens and Sidemen, or any of them haue (for money, reward, fauour, or affection) forbidden to present any that were or be negligent in coming to Church, or whom they haue found as idle persons abroad, either in the Churchyard or Streets, in the time of Common prayer or Sermons on the Sabbath day or holy dayes, or any that did not receiue the Communion yeerely at the feast of Easter, or within some conuenient time after?

3 Whether the Churchwardens doe provide against euery Communion, with the aduice of the Minister, a sufficient quantitie of fine white bread, and of good and wholesome wine for the number of the Communicants that shall receiue, and that to be brought in a cleane and sweet standing pot of Pewter, or other pure mettall?

## Concerning Parishioners, &c.

4 Have you admitted any to preach within your Church or Chappell which was not sufficiently licenced, and how often? And have you with your minister taken diligent care that no strangers doe usually come to your Church, from their owne parish?

5 Whether have you or your predecessors Churchwardens there, suffered, since the last Visitation of the Lord Bishop of London, any Playes, Feasts, Banquets, Churchales, Drinkings, Dusters, and shewing of Armes, or any other prophane usages to bee kept in your Church, Chappell, or Churchyard? Were you chosen by the consent of the Minister and Parishioners?

6 Whether hath your Minister, Churchwardens and parish Clerke or Clerkes, taken care that all excommunicated persons be duly published in the Church, as the law requires? And likewise had care that no excommunicated persons be admitted to the Communion, nor suffered to be present at diuine seruice and publike prayers in your Church? you shall truly present euery one that hath neglected this duty, or bene slacke therein.

7 Whether the Churchwardens at the end of their yeare, giue vp in writing a iust accompt befoze the Minister and Parishioners, of their receipts and disbursements, and deliver the residue by Bill indented to the next Churchwardens? And whether at any time heretofore the Churchwardens, or the Ministers, or the Parishioners, or any of them to your knowledge, or as you haue heard, haue with-held, or detained in their custody, or haue sold, wasted, spent, or otherwise alienated any Lead, Bells, or Bell-mettall, or other of the Church goods or stocke of money? and let them specifie their names, and the value and quantitie of such things as were so sold, made away, or detained, and how long since?

## Concerning Parishioners, and others of the Laitie.

**W**hether any in your Parish, or elsewhere neare about the same, to your knowledge, or as you haue heard, hath affirmed, that the King hath not the same Authority in all causes Ecclesiasticall, which the Kings & Christian Emperors had in the Primitive Church? or that haue impeached or gain-said his Royall Supremacy?

2 Whether doe you know, or haue credibly heard of any within your Parish that despauie the Christian Religion, and namely as it is established

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shed by publike authority, and professed within the Church of England? And whether hath any person, as you haue heard, affirmed that the Church of England is not a true Catholike and orthodoxe Church, and doth not teach and maintaine the Catholike Faith, and doctrine of the Apostles?

3 Whether any haue said or affirmed, that any thing in the booke of Common Prayer, or in the booke of Articles set forth by the Conuocation Anno Domini. 1562. Or any of the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, in or by the same appointed, are corrupt, wicked, Antichristian, superstitious, vnlawful, or repugnant to the Scriptures? or that any of the said Articles may not with a good conscience be subscribed vnto, or any of the said ceremonies may not with a good conscience be appoyned, vsed, or subscribed vnto?

4 Are there any that doe not reuerently behaue themselves during the time of Diuine Service, deuoutly kneeling when the generall Confession of sins, the Litanie, the ten Commandements, and all prayers and Collects are read, and vsing all due and lowly reuerence when the blessed name of the Lord Iesus Christ is mentioned, and standing vp, when the Articles of the Beliefe are read, or which doe couer their heads in the Church during the time of diuine service, vnlesse it be in case of necessitie, in which case they may vse a nightcap?

5 Whether haue any affirmed, preached, or taught, that the forme of making and consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, or any thing therein contained, is repugnant, or not agreeable to the Word of God: Or that the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons so made, are not to be accounted for Bishops, Priests, or Deacons, or ought to bee ordained in any other forme? Or that the gouernment of the Church by Archbishops, Bishops or others that beare any Office therein, is Antichristian, or not agreeable to the Word of God?

6 Whether any person haue lurked or tippled in Tauerne, or Ale-houses on Sundaies, or other Holydaies, or vsed his or their manuell Craft, Trade, or Mystry, or any bodily labour, or kept their shops open vpon the said dayes, or any of them, especially in the time of Diuine Service, or suffered his or their seruants to sell any wares or victuals in that time, or to offend in any of the premises?

7 Whether are there any in your parish, that (since the Lord Bishop of London his last Visitation) haue or doe prophane the Lords Day, called Sunday, or other Holy-day, contrary to the orders of the Church of England, in that behalfe prescribed, which hath not heretofore bene  
openly

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openly punished for the same, and what be their names?

8 Whether hath any person in your parish brawled, quarrelled or stricken, or used any violence vnto, or with your Minister, or any other person in the Church or Churchyard, or used himselfe disorderly in the Church by filthy and prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behaviour?

9 Whether haue any in your parish ben Godfathers or Godmothers to their owne chilozen? Or whether your Minister, or any Godfathers or Godmothers haue used, or doe vse any other forme, answer or speech in Baptisme, then is in the Booke of Common prayer appointed? Or doe giue the chilozen baptized any name absurd, or inconuenient for so holy an action: Or whether any which haue not communicated, be admitted to be Godfathers or Godmothers, contrary to the Law?

10 Whether is there any in your Parish, that doe refuse to haue their chilozen baptized, or themselues to receiue the Communion at the hands of your Minister, because he is no Preacher? you shall present their names.

11 Whether doe all Fathers, Mothers, Masters and Mistresses, cause their Chilozen, Seruants, and Apprentices to come to the Catechisme vpon the Sundayes and holy-dayes, befoze Euening prayer, to heare, and to be instructed and taught therein? And those that doe not their duties herein, you shall present their names.

12 How many Inhabitants within your Parish, Men or Women aboue the age of sixtene yeres, doe refuse to frequent diuine Service established by publike authority of this Realme, or to receiue the holy Communion, or are negligent therein? or comming to Church, doe depart befoze the end of diuine Service or Sermon, what be their names, and of what degree, state, or trade of life are they? you are to present them all of each sort.

13 Whether doe any of the inhabitants within your said parish entertaine within their house any sojourners, lodgers, or any common resorters and guests, who refuse to frequent diuine Service, or receiue the holy Communion, as aforesaid? what be their names, and of what quality or condition are they?

14 Whether any of the said Popish Recusants bee of insolent behaviour, not without publike offence, or doe boldly busie themselves in seducing, or withdrawing others, either abroad or in their own families, by instructing their Chilozen in Popish Religion, or by refusing to entertaine any, especially in place of greatest service or trust, but such as

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concurre with them in opinion of Religion, and what be their names that so doe?

15 How long the said Popish Recusants haue obstinately abstained either from diuine Service, or from the Communion, as is aforesaid, whether any long time, or onely since his Maiesties Reigne, and how long?

16 Whether there be any popish Recusants married: the child of any Recusant christned, or any Recusant buried within your Parish, by any other then the Minister of the Parish, where, when, and by whom, and what certificate you haue receiued thereof? or whether the child of any Recusant remaine vnbaptized aboue one month, or be not baptized in the Parish Church?

17 You shall present how the children of such as refuse to come to Church are brought vp, vnder what Schoolemaster or Tutor, where, and in what schoole or place, what those childrens names are, how long their Parents haue bene married? by whom, when and in what place, and by what authority were they married, and what Certificate you haue receiued of their marriage?

18 What persons aforesaid within your parish, either for the offence aforesaid, or for any other contumacy or crime, doe remaine excommunicated? what be their names? and for what cause? and how long haue they so stood excommunicated? And whether any doe familiarly vse the company of such as doe obstinately stand excommunicate, knowing the same? and what be their names?

19 Whether doe all persons aboue the age of sixteen yeares vsually resort to heare Diuine Service vpon Sundayes and Holy daies approued? and whether hath each one of your parishioners (being aboue the age of 16. yeares as aforesaid) receiued the holy Communion thrice this last yeare, chiefly once at Easter in your Parish Church kneeling? If no, then you shall present their names, which haue not so done.

20 Whether haue any in your Parish bene married within the prohibited degrees forbidden by law, and expressed in a certaine table published by authority in Anno 1563? If yea, then you shall present their names. And whether haue you the said Table publikely set vp in your Church, and fastned to some conuenient place?

21 Whether both any heretofore divorced or married and not divorced, keepe company at bed and board as man and wife with any other man or woman, then with the person that he or she was married vnto, and what be their names? If the parties, now so living together, say

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that they be married: when & where were they married, and how long have they so continued together?

22 Whether have you in your Parish to your knowledge or by common fame and report any which have committed adultery, fornication or incest, or any bawdes, harbozers, or receivers of such persons, or vehemently suspected thereof, which have not bene publikely punished to your knowledge? If yea, then specifie the names of them all.

23 Whether have you any in your parish which are by common fame and report, or vehement suspicion, reputed and taken to bee common drunkards, blasphemers of Gods holy name, common and usuall swearers, filthy speakers, raylers, solvers of discorde among their neighbours, or speakers against Ministers marriages, Usurers, contrary to the Statute made in the 37. yeare of King Henry the 8. or Symoniacall persons? you shall not faile to present their names.

24 Whether have any in your Parish received or harbored any woman with child, that was not before a householder in your Parish? If yea, whether you know that she was married, and to whom, where, and when? and specifie her name also, and from whence she came.

25 Whether have any in your Parish received or harbored any woman gotten with child out of wedlocke, and suffered them againe to depart without penance first inflicted upon them by their Ordinary? You shall truely present as well the party harbouring as harboured, and all that helped to conuey them or her away? And who is suspected to have committed adultery or fornication with her?

26 Whether the parties offending in any of your Parishes in the sinne of fornication, adultery, or incest, bawdry, or keeping of a bawdy house, or vehemently suspected of these or any other Ecclesiasticall offences, have for them, or any one of them bene presented since the Lord Bishop of London his last visitation, to any Commissary, Archdeacon, or his Officiall, their Surrogates or Deputies? and whether for such their offences they have done publike penance before the congregation in their owne Parish Church in time of diuine Service? And if any so presented have not done such penance, what be their names, what the offence was? and of what Parish they then were of, and where they, or any one of them doe now remaine and dwell?

27 Whether any person or persons suspected or detected heretofore of incontinency, and therefore departing out of your parish, is now returned againe? or in what place else is he or she now abiding; as you know, or have heard? And whether he or she hath done any penance, and what:

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what penance, or else escaped without penance? and by what & whose meanes? You shall present the whole truth in that behalfe.

18 Whether there be any person or persons Ecclesiasticall or Temporall, within your Parish, or else where within this Diocesse, that haue retained and kept in their custody, or that reade, sell, utter, disperse, carrie, or deliuer to others, any English or Latine Bookes, or Libels, set forth or printed, either on this side or beyond the Seas, by Papists or Sectaries, against the Kings Supremacy in causes Ecclesiasticall, or tending to Popery, Puritanisme, or any other Sect, error or heresie, against true religion and catholike doctrine, now publickely professed in this Church, or the government or discipline of the Church of England, now within this Realme receiued, and established by common authoritie, that you know or haue heard of, what their names and surnames are?

19 Whether there be any in your Parish who are knowne or suspected to conceale or keepe hid in their houses, any Masse-bookes, Pockettes, Bzenaries, or other Bookes of Popery or superstition: or any Chalice, Copes, Vestments, Albes, or other ornaments of superstition vncancelled or vndefaced, which is to be coniectured they keepe for a day as they call it?

20 Whether haue you any in your Parish to your knowledge, or as you haue heard, which heretofore being popish Recusants & Sectaries, haue since conformed themselves, and come to Church to heare Divine Service, and receiue the Sacrament: If yea, then who they are, and how long sithence haue they so conformed themselues? And whether do they still abide in that conformity?

21 Whether are there in your Parish any Wills not yet proued, or goods of the dead lying intestate left vnaministrated by the authoritie of the Ordinary in that behalfe? And whether any possesse the goods of any person deceased, without authoritie from the Ordinary? You shall not faile to present the Executors, and all others faulty & culpable therein.

22 What person or persons do you know that haue dyed in your parish since the Lords Bishops last Visitation, that had goods or debts in other parts of the Diocess of London out of the iurisdiction in which the party dyed or that dyed in any other Archdeaconry or iurisdiction of this Diocess, & had goods in your Parish: and whether the Executor to such person or any other, meddled with such deceased goods by authoritie of the Commissary or Archdeacons Officiall, and not by the authoritie of the Lord Bishop of London or his Chancelor?

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33. Is there any Legacy given to the Church, or to other good and godly uses, as reliefe of the Poore Orphans, Poore Schollers, Poore Maydens marriages, Schollers, High wayes, and such like, which is not yet performed? If there be any such, you shal present what you know or can learne thereof, and by whose default the same is not performed.

34. Whether any of your Parishioners having a Preacher to their Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe absent themselves from his Sermons, and resort to any other place to heare other Preachers, or refuse to receive the holy Communion at his hands for the same respect? And whether any other Minister hath received to the Communion any of your Parish? and specifye the names both of the Minister and Parishioner. And whether doe any in your Parish refuse to haue children baptized in your parish Church, according to the forme prescribed in the booke of Common Prayer?

35. Whether there be any Inne-keepers, Ale-wiues, Victuallers, or Tiplers, that suffer or doe admit any person or persons into their houses to eate, drinke or play at Dice, Cards, Tables, Bowles, or such like games, in the time of Common Prayer or Sermons on Sundayes or Holy dayes?

36. Whether haue you any Butchers or others, that commonly use to sell meat or other things in the time of Common Prayer, Preaching, or reading of Homilies?

37. Whether any Markets or selling of wares be used or suffered in any Church-yards on the Sabbath day by common Backmen and Pedlers going about, or any Butchers, or others?

38. Whether there be any in your Parish, who wil come to heare the Sermon, but will not come to the publike prayer, appointed by the Booke of Common prayer, making a schisme or division (as it were) betwene the use of publike Prayer and Preaching?

39. Whether there be any who being present at publike prayer, doe not devoutly and humbly kneele upon their knees, at such times as by the Booke of Common prayer they are appointed: to wit, when they make a generall Confession of their sinnes, when all prayers and Collects are read, in the time of the Letany, when the tenne Commandments are read, and at the receiving of the holy Communion, &c. And what be their names?

40. Whether there be any married women or others within your parish, which after childbirth refuse, contemne or neglect to come to the Church to give God thanks for their safe delivery, and to haue the pray-

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ers publickly appointed on that behalfe by the Booke of Common pray-  
er to be vled?

41 Whether any doe keepe their Childe or Childezen vn baptized longer then  
is conuenient, vnlesse that it be for the sicknesse of the Childe, or other  
vrgent occasion?

42 Whether any do carrie their Child or Childezen from the parish  
they are borne, into other parishes to be baptized, and so refuse their  
owne parish? And to what other parish? and who baptized any child or  
childezen so carried from your parish: and whose child was it?

43 Whether any doe bring strange Ministers into their owne  
houses to baptize their childezen privately according to their owne fan-  
tasies, or receiue any child or childezen borne elsewhere, to be baptized in  
your parish? If you know any such, then who receiued any such, and  
whose childe or childezen were so baptized: and what was the name  
of the child, and who baptized it? And whether you know of your own  
knowledge that the parents were married together, and where, when,  
and by whom?

44 Whether doe you know, or haue heard, of any Patron or Adou-  
soner in your parish that haue made a gaine by any colour, deceit, or  
symoniacall pact, in bestowing his Benefice for gaine: for, or receiuing  
money or promise of the Lease of the whole part, or by reseruing his  
owne tithes, or any pension to himselfe or any other?

45 What Almes-houses, Hospitals, or Spittles for poore people haue  
you in your Parish, that are not of the foundation or patronage of the  
King: & who was the founder or patron thereof? And whether the said  
Almes-houses, Hospitals, or Spittles in your Parish being vnder our  
rule and gouernance, be well and godly vled, according to the founda-  
tions and ancient ordinances of the same, and whether there be any o-  
ther placed in them then poore, impotent, and needy persons, that haue  
not wherewith or whereby to liue?

46 How many Widowes haue you in your parish which doe exer-  
cise that office, how long they haue so done, and by what authority? and  
what be their names? Of what skill are they accounted to bee of in  
their office and vocation?

47 How many haue you in your Parish that doe practise as Phys-  
icians or Chyrurgions, and are so reputed? How long they haue so  
done, by what authority, of what skill are they accounted to bee of in  
their profession?

48 Haue you any in your Parish, which haue vled any inchant-  
ments,

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ments, sorceries, witchcrafts, or Incantations, which are not made Felony by the Statutes of this Realme, or any Charmes; which do resort to any such for helpe or Counsell:

49 Whether doe you know of any other matter of Ecclesiasticall cognisance worthy the presentment in your iudgement, heretofore in these Articles not exprest, and which is fit to be reformed in Ecclesiasticall censure? If you doe, you shall likewise present the same by vertue of your oaths?

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## Admonition.

**F**irst, for that in great Parishes, where diners doe come in great multitudes to receiue the Communion, wherof some doe stand Excommunicate: To auoid this inconuenience in every parish, the Minister and Churchwardens shall keepe a Booke of all Excommunications brought vnto them, and from what Court, and of the day, month, and yeare it was receiued, and of the parties names so excommunicated, and for what cause, and of the day, month, and yeare of the Denunciation, and likewise of the Absolution, to the end that all persons may be drawn to consozantie, and none admitted to be partakers of Common Prayer and the Sacraments, who do stand Excommunicate, when they offer themselves ready to receiue the same.

That in the time of Diuine Service and Sermons, all persons be haue themselves reuerently and attentively, and that all men doe sit and continue vncouered, with their Hats off, the whole time of Diuine Service and Prayers.

That from time to time diligent inquirie be made what children are borne in euery Parish, and where, when, and by whom every child is Baptized, And if in case of necessity any Child or Children be found to be baptized privately in any house, that vpon due Certificate therof, the same shall be published in their owne parish Church where the Child or Children were borne, the next Sunday after notice thereof so taken, that vpon such necessitie the said Child or Children were so Baptized, and that rightly, that the parish may take notice thereof.

And concerning your Transcript of the names of all persons Baptized, Married, or buried, you shall obserue the forme prescribed in the Booke of Articles ministered in the last trienniall Visitation of the Lord Bishop of London, viz Anno 1624.

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**A**t the delivery of your Bill of Presentment, at the time and place above set downe, you are likewise in the said Bill, to set downe the names of all such as haue bene Buried at any time since the day of Iuly last past. 1627. being Men, Waiues, or Widowes: and likewise the Minister, Churchwardens, and Sidemen of euery parish, must in the end of the said Bill of Presentment, set downe beside their presenting, which they make of all Recusants and non-Communicants, this Note following.

Recusants men. _____	}
Recusants women. _____	
Non-Communicants of both sex. _____	}
Comunicants of both sex in the whole Parish. _____	

So setting downe the number of euery one, the Minister, Church-wardens and Sidemen must put their hands to this Note.